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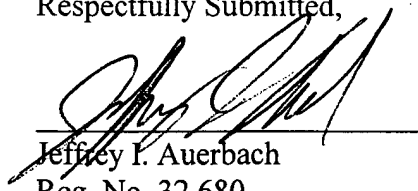
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Applicants respectfully request an extension of time of two (2) months within which to file a Response to the Official Action of February 13, 2003, issued with respect to the above-identified patent application, for which a Response was due on March 13, 2003, so as to permit the timely filing of the enclosed Response. The Large Entity payment of \$410.00 is enclosed.

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